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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Lee et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/623,360 )  
Filed: July 18, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 1746  
For: Method for Selectively Washing Used Reaction ) Examiner: Zeinab E. El-Arini  
Cuvettes in an Automatic Analyzer )  
Atty Docket No.: DCS-9176 )

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Dear Sir:

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- 1) Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) (3ccs, 2pgs);
- 2) Copy of Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 8, 2006 (1cc,2pgs);
- 3) Preliminary Amendment (1cc, 8pgs); and
- 4) a Return Postcard.

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